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1. AT THE REQUEST OF CAMEROONIAN MILITARY ATTACHE, MAJOR ANAGHO, DOD OFFICIALS MET ON 21 JANUARY WITH ANAGHO AND CAPTAIN YAKANA, COMMANDER OF THE CAMEROON AIR FORCE. USAF FOREIGN LIAISON, DSAA, AND ISA WERE REPRESENTED.

2. YAKANA WAS ON A FAMILIARIZATION TRIP IN THE US AT THE INVITATION OF LOCKHEED. LOCKHEED HAD SHOWN YAKANA
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BOTH THE L-100 AND THE C-130, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY

VERSIONS OF THE SAME AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO YAKANA AND ANAGHO, CAMEROON WANTS TO PURCHASE THREE MILITARY C-130'S WHICH WOULD BE USED NOT ONLY TO TRANSPORT TROOPS BUT ALSO MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. YAKANA SAID LOCKHEED INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST CAMEROON IN OBTAINING FINANCING FOR THE CIVILIAN L-100 BUT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO FIND COMMERCIAL FINANCING FOR THE MILITARY C-130. DESPITE THE PROSPECTS OF EASIER CREDIT TERMS FOR THE L-100, YAKANA HINTED THAT CAMEROON STILL WOULD OPT FOR THE C-130'S BECAUSE PARACHUTISTS COULD BE DEPLOYED FROM THE LATTER.

3. THE CAMEROONIANS ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN F-5E'S, TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS, EXCESS EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF PILOTS AND MAINTENANCE CREWS. YAKANA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE ARMS PURCHASE BUT SIMPLY WANTED TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH US MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN CASE HIS GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO PURCHASE AMERICAN ARMS. ANAGHO BELIEVES US MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS "THE BEST IN THE WORLD".

4. DOD REPRESENTATIVES IN BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT STATE DEPARTMENT MUST APPROVE ALL MILITARY SALES. DSAA REP DISCUSSED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND FMS SALES AND NOTED THAT PROSPECTS FOR FMS CREDITS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS APPEAR VERY POOR. DOD OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THE NORMAL CHANNELS FOR INITIATING PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING ON BOTH COMMERCIAL AND FMS BASES, WITH LATTER BEING FROM GURC THROUGH EMBASSY YAOUNDE TO STATE/DOD. KISSINGER

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